

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to and including March 11, 2008, to make this reply timely.

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.